Guide to Planning your Research – POLITICAL SCIENCE

Step 1: Define subject:

Handbooks:
- The Oxford Companion to Politics of the World  REF. JA 61 .O95 2001

Encyclopedias:

Step 2: Vocabulary or Thesaurus

Dictionaries:
- The Macmillan Dictionary of Political Quotations  REF. PN 6084 .P6 E54 1993

Step 3: Sources of information: collections of books & videos (library catalog)

Gates Memorial Library Catalog

**Political Ideologies : Their Origins and Impact**
- **Author:** Baradat, Leon P., 1940-
- **Call Number:** JA 83 .B248 2993
- **Location:** STACKS
- **Publisher:** Englewood Cliffs, NH : Prentice-Hall, Inc., 1993.
- **Availability:** Available for Circulation

**Politics and Personal Responsibility [Videorecording]**
- **Author:** Brown, Tony
- **Call Number:** JA 74 .B76 1996
- **Location:** INQUIRE AT CIRCULATION DESK
- **Publisher:** West Lafayette, IN : The Archives, 1996.
- **Availability:** Available for Circulation

**Periodicals: magazines, newspapers & journals**

- **Texas Observer**  F 381 .T368 (display & stacks 1985-2007)
- **Time**  AP 2 .T37 (display only)

**Online periodicals**
- **American Diplomacy**
- **The American Reporter**
- **AntePodium**
- **Ballot Access News**
- **NATO Review**
- **Political Science Quarterly**
- **CUPR Report**
- **Ethnic Conflict Research Digest**
- **Bad Subjects: Political Education for Everyday Life**
- **Boston Review**
- **Political Sites, Periodicals, etc.**
- **Roll Call Online**

**PERIODICAL DATABASES**

Online information databases are large, regularly updated collections of digitized information -- including but not limited to abstracts and full text articles from journals and newspapers, conference proceedings and submitted papers, dissertations, government reports, essays, book chapters, web pages, etc. The content is created by publishers who release print versions, then lease the rights to their information to database vendors. Database records are easy to search and retrieve because the content of each record has been analyzed and assigned appropriate subject headings, keywords, names, etc. New records are regularly downloaded from the producer of each database.

- **Gates Memorial Library Databases**
  - **Academic Search Complete**
  - **Bibliography of Native North Americans**
Research guides are located on the Gates Memorial Library Home Page. You may access them to link to Web Sites.

**Political Science Resources on the Web** (associations, universities, organizations, etc.)

- American National Election Studies
- American Factfinder
- CIA World Factbook
- Constitution of the United States
- CQ Researcher
- Data.gov
- Economic Policy Institute
- FedStats
- National Issues Forums
- Policy Agendas Project
- Political Science Internet Resources
- Primary Documents in American History
- Public Agenda
- Statistical Abstracts from the U.S. Census
- THOMAS, Library of Congress

**Citing Sources**
Each database provides “How to cite” for each article but these sites provide more information for citing various media (books, databases, websites, etc.)

The guides and links in this section will enable persons to properly use body citations and create works cited or bibliography pages.

- Citation Guides Resources Page
- APA Style
- MLA Style
- EasyBib MLA citation creator
- Referencing Tool
- Son of Citation Machine
- Turabian Style
- University of California Berkeley (APA, MLA, Chicago)

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